

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 294 - SB 658**

February 21, 2003

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:** This bill among other things:

- Increases the number of dental hygienists on the dental board from two to five
- Requires vacancies on the board that are not filled within 90 days to be filled by the Speaker of the House
- Requires board minutes and annual reports to be posted on the Internet
- Increases the compensation of board members from one hundred dollars to one hundred fifty dollars per day
- Requires annual continuing education requirements for dental hygienists to include at least six hours of classroom training that addresses infectious disease control and substance abuse
- Permits a dental hygienist or assistant to administer local, but not general, anesthesia
- Include the practice of dental hygiene at meetings of the Tennessee Dental Hygienists Association in the list of forums exempt from dental regulation
- Requires that the dental hygiene program completed by a dental hygienist be in, not through, an accredited institution

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$11,800**

**Increase State Revenues - \$11,800**

Additional board members will lead to increased daily compensation cost with a corresponding increase in revenue.  
Regulatory boards must be self-sufficient by statute.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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